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LETTER FROM WAYNE

The following is a letter from Wayne Brown, W2TPV, former President of PPRAA, that was received recently by the editor:

"Just a quick note to you and PPRAA to let you know what Marty and I have been up to. Marty and kids returned to our house in Hampton, Virginia about three weeks ago to get it settled. We now have a nightly sked on 80 C.W., which is working out very well. I finish my training here at Tyndall in December, then up to Langley AFB in Hampton.

I had a bit of excitement two weeks ago. Was on a low altitude mission in the F-106 with my instructor when the engine quit, so we both had to eject. It was quite a ride in the rocket seat, but the parachute descent was fine. It was something I wouldn't ever care to do again! Except for bruises, I was uninjured and I resumed flying

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PRESIDENT'S NEWS

Russ Ruggieri WBØGKF

Greetings to all. At this time I would like to think Gene Bacon, WØCNY for all of his time and efford contributed as President of PPRAA this past year. I hope I will be able to contribute to the club effort as Gene has.

The November meeting will be the last gathering before the Christmas party. It is imperative that all who desire to attend bring their money at the November 14th meeting. The cost is $7.25 per person including tax and tip. The party will be held at the Flying "W" winter steak house. Gene Bacon and his wife Arleen will be collecting your money at the meeting. I am looking forward to meeting more of the club members at the Christmas party.

This month's program will be a couple films of a technical nature which I think will be of interest to all.

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OCTOBER MINUTES Irvin Ebel, WØKWV

The October meeting of PPRAA was held on October 10, 1973 at the Security Savings and Loan Building, Union at Platte.....Meeting was called to order by President, Gene Bacon, WØCNY at 7:40 P.M..... Visitors were asked to introduce themselves. Present were: WØOQI, WN5GML and KØVFN.....Minutes of the September 12, 1973 meeting were read by Secretary Irvin Ebel, WØKWV. Motion made and seconded that the minutes be accepted as read. Motion was carried.....Letters from ARRL read by Secretary Irvin Ebel..... Treasurers report was given by Chuck Myers, WAØZCS. Accepted as read.... Chuck Myers also reported on the Colorado Council of Amateur Radio Clubs. He gave information on the ARRL Convention for 1976 to be held in Denver. There was a request by the CCARC for financial aid. It was decided to loan the Council $100, and the money would be paid back to the club with a written agreement to do so on a one year basis. There would be no interest on the loan. After a motion was made and seconded to make the loan to the Council, a show of hands carried the motion. There were plans for the sale of QSL cards and the sale also of a new Colorado Amateur Directory. It was felt that the directory would sell better than the QSL's so they were dropped as far as PPRAA was concerned.....There were no committee reports.....Pete Demario,

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CODE AND THEORY CLASSES

At 7:30 P.M. every Tuesday at the Naval Reserve Training Center by Prospect Lake, Fred Palmblad, WØCYM is conducting code and theory classes. If enough persons are interested, code and theory help will be given to those interested in working for their Technician, General, Advanced and Extra Class tickets. Attendance is reported as very good and Fred stated he could use some help from any old hands who could spare the time. There is no charge for the classes, just a willingness to learn.

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FM REPEATER NEWS

By Pete Demario, KØUDG

The new duplexer is finished. It goes now to Clyde, WAØJNO for final tuning and a trip up the mountain to be installed. The 146.37/97 (yak yak) repeater is coming along and should be ready for airing in about a month. Some problems are still being encountered on the auto-patch and the 450MHz patch link, but these should be ironed out in a month or so. Still no new call for the repeater (or nothing heard) from the FCC.

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1973 ARRL NET DIRECTORY

The 1973 ARRL Net Directory, listing almost 600 public service nets registered by June 1, is now available. This year the directory has been produced in booklet form, similar to the Repeater Directory. To receive your copy by first class mail, please send an addressed envelope six and a half by nine and a half inches or larger with 24¢ U.S. postage to ARRL, 225 Main St., Newington, Connecticut. To receive both the repeater and net directories, please affix 40¢ U.S. postage.

LETTER FROM WAYNE -Continued

last week.

We would like to hear from any of our friends in Colorado Springs who would care to write. My address here in Florida is Box 3425, Tyndall AFB, Florida 32401. In December the address will be 366 Brout Drive, Hampton, Virginia, 23666."

73, Wayne, W2TPV/4

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NEW MEMBERS

New members joining PPRAA at the October meeting were:

Bill Wilkinson, W1HA
3103 E. Pikes Peak Avenue
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Carlos E. Sanchez, WN5GML
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1973-1974 COMMITTEE MEMBERS NAMED

Fred Palmblad was elected as Chairman of the PPRAA Board of Directors at the first meeting of the new Board following the October elections. Committees to assist the Board in carrying on the activities of the club during the next year was the main business of the meeting.

Committees and members named to the committees at the meeting were:

Nominating Committee

Ed Pompea, KØZPG, chairman (directed to select two more members.)

Trustee of WAØVTV and WAØVTU-Pete Demario, KØUDG

2 Meter FM Committee
Pete Demario, KØUDG, Chairman
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Ida Demario, WAØNTA, Treasurer
Oak Stockton, KØROL, CCRAC Delegate
George Kowalski, WØGCH
Dave Givan, KØIRP
Larry Rice, WBØKDN
Bob Sayers, WØOFA

Search & Rescue - El Paso County-George Kowalski, WØGCH

Rescue Assistant - Emergency-Bob Bowers, WAØMQE, Coordinator

RACES - Dean Jaynes, WAØPJH, chairman. Mory Wunderlich, WAØYNP and John Summers, WAØHHN.

MTS - Mike Stansberry, WBØHCK and Mory Wunderlich, WAØYNP.

MARS - Pete Demario, KØUDG

Technical Instruction Committee - Fred Palmblad, WØCYN, Chairman, Russ Ruggieri, WBØGKF, Dan Quigley, WBØKNK, Leroy Smith

Historians - Rosemary Lewis, WAØMNL, Chairman, Jim Reynolds, WØJMB, "Doc" Cornell, WØMCT.

Auction Committee - Pete Demario, KØUDG, Oak Stockton, KØROL, Bill Haskins, KØCEN, Ida Demario, WAØNTA.

Auditing Committee - Bill Haskins, KØCEN, Art Mayer, WAØAEH.

Colorado Council of Radio Amateur Clubs - Chuck Myers, WAØZCS, Oak Stockton, KØROL.

Field Day - Mike Stansberry, WBØHCK, Russ Ruggieri, WBØGKF, George Kowalski, WØGCH, Leroy Smith

ARRL Vice Director for PPRAA - Charles Smith, WAØZZS

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Interference Committee - Richard Collins, WBØADT, Chairman, James DonCarlos, WØITU.

YL Committee - Rosemary Lewis, WAØMNL, Chairman, Dorie Obermeyer, WA7QZU, Linda Vidmar, WAØMNM.

Membership Committee - Mory Wunderlich, WAØYNP, Bob Tate, WBØJTZ.

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REGENCY EXPANDING?

The chief executive of Regency Electronics disclosed that his firm is interested in taking over Hallicrafters' Communication Equipment Division in El Paso, Texas. Northrup would continue to retain the Chicago Hallicrafter facility.

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WONDERING

Bob Shriner, WAØUZO

Due to the undisputable fact that I am a great thinker (careful how you pronounce that), I often get to wondering why a lot of things have been happening lately.

Why are all our young amateurs getting married lately? Could it be that they see all of us happily married amateurs?

Why do all fishermen lie? Could it be that only liers fish?

Why do they put non-destruct fuses in my radios? Could it be that the real purpose of all those transistors is to protect the fuses?

Why, when we want a drink of whiskey to warm us up do we put ice in it to cool it off - lemon to make it sour -- sugar to make it sweet, then gulp it down, gasp a few times and say "that sure was good!"?

Why does a radio work after a good swift kick? Maybe the manufacturer should install a special kicker so all you would have to do is push a button and it would automatically kick itself. Do you suppose I should patent the idea?

Why do I have to go to work every day, while my dog sleeps? His supper is always ready and have you ever heard of a dog food shortage?

GRID LEAK

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For RTTY news, join us on 146.70, the national RTTY frequency. For more information or help, phone WØHFX, Paul at 635-3773; WØ ITU, Don at 598-8930; KØROL, Oak at 596-1395, or WØNDZ, Bob at 598-2502.

OCTOBER MINUTES -Continued

KØUDG asked for help at the repeater to install a duplexer and also to remedy another slight problem.....There were no TVI problems to report.....Mike Stansberry, WBØHCK reported that the refreshment fund needs a little help. It is slowly losing ground.....A report was given by Arleen Bacon, WNØGKN on the Christmas Party to be held at the Flying "W" winter steak house. She made a request for firm commitments on reservations.....Coffee break at 8:30 P.M. .....Following coffee break, nominations began for the new officers to be elected for the year of 1974. Names nominated were as follows: Pete Demario, Gene Bacon, Charles Smith, George Kowalski, Ed Pompea, Irvin Ebel, Charles Myers, James Don Carlos, Make Stansberry, Dean Jaynes, Make Anderson, Russ Rugierrie, Ernest Wood, Fred Palmblad, Oak Stockton and Dan Quigley..... The following are the newly elected officers: President - Russ Rugierrie, Vice-President - Mike Stansberry, Secretary - Gene Bacon, Treasurer - Dean Jaynes. The board of Directors will be: Ed Pompea, Charles Smith, James Don Carlos, Gene Bacon, Make Stansberry, Dean Jaynes, Fred Palmblad, Pete Demario and Russ Ruggieri.....Meeting was adjourned at 10:00 P.M.

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TEN METER NEWS

ARRL has announced a new ten meter contest to take place 1200 GMT December 15 to 2359 GMT December 16, 1973. The activity is open to, and contacts are permitted with, all amateurs worldwide. Full details will appear in the November issue of QST. Please help spread the word in an effort to improve the occupancy of ten meters.

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WAØSNO LOGISTICS

As of October, Bob Shriner, WAØUZO reported that WAØSNO now has over 1200 hours transmitting time on the repeater as shown by the time meter connected to it. That's equal to 50 days transmitting continuously day and night.

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TIME EXTENDED

The deadline for comments on FCC Docket 19759, dealing with the assignment of 224-225 MHz segment to Class E Citizens Band has been extended. Reports received from Washington are good. The FCC has not made up its mind. They have received a large number of comments from hams, CB'ers, and our Representatives in Washington. The CB'ers are opposing the allocation for several reasons: One, that they do not want to purchase new equipment and Two, that they want to see the FCC clean up the Class D, 27 MHz mess so that it functions as it was intended. Letters to FCC have been effective, so those of you who have not written to FCC on this Docket, do so now! Send to Federal Communication Commission, Washington, C.C. 20554. 15 copies of your letter are required (Original and 14 copies). A number of hams have had letters from their Congressmen and Senators stating that they are going to look into the matter.

WR8 REPEATER ABC's

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Remember, no charge to any club member for classified ads on ham equipment or anything else for sale or trade.

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ARRL INFORMATION

A set of supplementary instructions and worksheets to assist those applying for repeater licenses has been prepared by FCC. To expedite their distribution, copies have been made available to ARRL on an informal basis. These have been reproduced in quantity and copies are available from ARRL headquarters upon receipt of a self-addressed, stamped envelope.

ARRL Headquarters has prepared another notice outlining the differences between the amateur radio service and the citizens radio service. This is being circulated to the news agencies and points out among other things, that "Blue Eye" is not an amateur call.

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LICENSE EXPIRATION NOTICE

The License Expiration Notice Service will keep track of your license expiration date and will remind you in advance. Note the expiration date on a self-addressed, stamped postcard and send it to Joan Machinchick, K3KBI, 1023 Lake Claire Drive, RFD 4, Annapolis, Maryland 21401

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